



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Robert M. LORENCE et al. :
Serial No.: 08/260,536 : Group Art Unit: 1813
Filed: June 16, 1994 : Examiner: L. Scheiner
For: **METHODS FOR TREATING AND DETECTING CANCER USING VIRUSES**

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following response is submitted further to the communication from the Examiner dated April 2, 1997.

REMARKS

This is a reply to the communication from the examiner dated April 2, 1997, stating that applicant has failed to file a complete response to the last Office Action. In particular, it is stated that claims set forth in the January 9, 1997 response are directed to a new invention independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed and, that withdrawal of such claims, would result in a lack of claims for examination. However, as discussed below, the newly filed claims parallel subject matter of previously filed claims which were considered and examined during prosecution, including in the previous Office Action dated July 9, 1996. Thus, the response filed on January 9 is complete. Applicant respectfully requests an Office Action on the merits to the amendment filed January 9, 1997.

For the examiner's convenience, applicants have prepared a chart showing how the claims examined in the previous Office Action correspond to the claims added on January 9, 1997. In the last Office Action (dated July 9, 1996), claims 13-18, 23, 24, 35, 36, 38, 43, 48, 64, 67, 69, 106-108, 111, 125, 133, 134, and 140 were examined and rejected.

